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Attention: Beverly Friedman

Dear Ms. Axelrad:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the application for patent term extension of U.S. Patent No. 5,654,301. The application was filed on December 23, 2008, under 35 U.S.C. § 156. Please note that Applicant has also applied for extension for U.S. Patent No. RE38,551 for NDA No. 22-253 pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.785.

The patent claims a product that was subject to regulatory review under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Subject to final review, the subject patent is considered to be eligible for patent term extension. Thus, a determination by your office of the applicable regulatory review period is necessary. Accordingly, notice and a copy of the application are provided pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(2)(A).

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RE: VIMPAT® (lacosamide) Tablet  
Docket No. FDA-2009-E-0172